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Between 10 and 16 April 1952, the engineer units in the Seeckt Kaserne on Turn-
schanzenstrasse, Magdeburg (H 51/D 69), conducted bridge-construction exercises
across the Unflut Kanal (canal) in the area east of Magdeburg. On 10 April, a
bridge about 40 meters long was constructed across the Unflut Kanal near Bieder-
itz. On 12 April, a bridge, about 30 meters long, was constructed across the
Unflut Kanal near Pechau. The construction of the bridge took 5 hours and 50
minutes. All orders pertaining to the exercise were given by a colonel by means
of a loudspeaker. Various high-ranking officers came in sedans to witness the
practice.

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* [Redacted Box] Comment. The area where the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GDR practiced the
construction of bridges across the Unflut Kanal extends over about 20 km east and
southeast of Magdeburg. The report to some extent confirms the report [Redacted Box]
[Redacted Box] according to which a column of the regiment returned to
Magdeburg from a practice from the direction of Schoenebeck on the Elbe River.
[Redacted Box] The officers who witnessed the practice belong to the
GDR, the Third Shock Army and to the 6th Gds Tank Div.

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